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SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In the printed answer placed on the table of the House, 2 sanatoria are shown in Malabar. In view of the fact that the leprosy Poor Home, Kozhikode, is situated in the adjacent compound of the Mission Leprosy Sanatorium, Chevayur and in view of the fact that the doctors and the experts concerned of the latter sanatorium are looking after the patients of the former, i.e., the Leprosy Poor Home, Kozhikode, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take these facts into consideration and see that the Leprosy Poor Home, Kozhikode is merged with the Mission Leprosy Sanatorium, Chevayur as thereby some amount can be saved? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is a fairly long question, Sir, and I have not been able to understand what exactly the hon. Member wants to know."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, the districts where leprosy is commonly predominant and what action has been taken so far and how far it is successful? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are districts where the incidence of leprosy is high and there are certain places where leprosy is endemic. In a district like South Arcot where there is plenty of leprosy, the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangha has started a special scheme for the control of this disease and a number of clinics as also one sanatorium have been opened."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that the grant to the Leprosy Sanatorium, Chevayur, is stopped when the patients there are in an advanced stage and that a large number of patients have been turned out of the sanatorium and have become a nuisance to the town? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Grants are given to institutions where open cases are given treatment."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that a large number of lepers are infesting the streets of Madras City and also bus stands, will the Government consider the desirability of opening a leper clinic in Madras City and give them treatment for making them sterile? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Corporation of Madras are running two clinics and they are also thinking of opening a sanatorium. The question of making leprosy patients sterile will have to be given consideration."

Government aid to Tuberculosis Sanatoria.

* 588 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Tuberculosis Sanatoria there are in the State and where they are located; and

(*b*) the nature of Government aid that was granted or is being granted to each one of them?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Public Health Report for 1951 shows that the incidence of Tuberculosis in 1951 has increased from 1,67,496 to 1,71,234 and out of the total increase of 3,738 Malabar has contributed 3,144, it being the worst affected area. May I know why proper facilities have not been provided in Malabar and why no provision at all has been made in the 1953–54 budget when a lump sum contribution of Rs. 2,17,000 has been promised for *Periyaram* Sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Malabar is over-populated and it is a district which is the most deficit district in regard to food in the whole State and that may be one of the reasons for the wide prevalence of tuberculosis. With regard to the special question raised by the hon. Member, he may please put a separate question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In spite of the fact that there are a large number of beds available in the sanatorium at Tambaram, many patients are clustering near the sanatorium for admission and in view of the fact that most of them get their admission cards after they are dead due to this dangerous disease, will the Government consider the desirability of sanctioning more beds in the sanatorium at Tambaram? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Tambaram Sanatorium is probably the biggest sanatorium in this country and the number of beds is being increased from time to time."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are opening a sanatorium at Pyapali in Kurnool district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The people themselves must collect sufficient funds for putting up a sanatorium and then apply for Government grant as the people in other districts have been doing."

SRI M. PALANIANDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the patients are getting admission cards after their death, and if so whether the Government will increase the bed strength in the existing tuberculosis sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is true, Sir, there are about 2,000 patients in the waiting list for admission in the Tambaram sanatorium. As I have already said, the number of beds there is being increased from time to time. It is about 500 now."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 546 infra.

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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" With reference to the remark of the Hon. Minister that Malabar is over-populated, may I know whether his attention is drawn to the fact that Malayalees are solving the question by spreading out throughout the country in all walks of life and are thus relieving the congestion in Malabar? '

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is one way. I hope they would not emigrate to the new Andhra State? "

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" May I know, Sir, why the sanatorium at Tiruchirappalli with a bed-strength of 160 is given only Rs. 5,000 while the sanatorium at Perundurai with a bed-strength of 242 is given Rs. 40,000 per annum? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Perundurai Santorium was started earlier and it has a larger bed strength. This grant-in-aid is given on the basis of the net cost."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is the answer given by the Hon. Minister about Malabar sufficient reason for the neglect of Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir, it has not been neglected. One sanatorium is coming up there and the Government have sanctioned a large grant for it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What preventive steps are being taken other than curative? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Five-Year Plan, Sir." (Laughter.)

Tuberculosis Sanatoria in the State.

* 589 *Q.*—SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Tuberculosis Sanatoria there are in our State;

(*b*) how many there are in Andhra; and

(*c*) how many beds are provided in each of the sections?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" ప్రభుత్వం ఇచ్చిన లెక్కలనుబట్టి చూస్తే ఆంధ్రేతర ప్రాంతంలోకంటె ఆంధ్రలో తక్కువగా ఈ శానిటోరియం ఆస్పత్రులు ఉన్నట్లు స్పష్టపడుతున్నది. కాబట్టి ఆంధ్రలో ఇంకేవైనా క్రొత్త ప్రదేశాలలో ఈ శానిటోరియం ఆస్పత్రులను స్థాపించుటకు ప్లానులు ఉన్నాయా ఉంటే ఎక్కడెక్కడ? ఎన్ని? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHSETTY :—" The Andhra people are making attempts to collect amounts and start sanatoria. Recently when I was in Eluru I found a large amount had been collected for the purpose of starting a tuberculosis sanatorium there."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 546-547 infra.